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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: SECRETARY CLINTON'S VISIT, U.S. POLICY,
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Editorial Quotes

11. SECRETARY CLINTON'S VISIT

"The order of the visits gives clues to Clinton's diplomacy goals"

The official Xinhua News Agency international news publication International Herald Leader (Guoji Xianqu Daobao)(02/09): "Secretary Clinton has carefully arranged her Asia trip. She is creating a balance between China and Japan. With the organization of her visit, Secretary Clinton has successfully removed Japan's worries and at the same time given China face.

In recent years, along with China's rise, China's position in the U.S.' foreign strategy has quickly improved. China has had a major role in the North Korea nuclear issue. Thus Secretary Clinton, not only has put China as the last in an important stop, but has also given China two days, the same as Japan. During her visit in China, the financial crisis is a necessary topic. U.S.-China cooperation in bilateral and multilateral fields is in a need of continuation and development. As the first senior official in the Obama administration to visit China, Secretary Clinton also hopes the visit will provide a foundation for bilateral relations in the following years. She hopes that her performance will be successful for her first Asia trip."

12. U.S. POLICY

a. "Obama throws his first diplomatic ball"

The official Communist Party international news publication Global Times (Huanqiu Shibao)(02/09): "Recently, senior officials of the Obama administration have begun to visit the world. American and Russian leaders have conducted their first meeting. With this meeting, Obama has thrown his first diplomatic ball and given up the diplomatic concept made famous by the Bush administration; friend or foe.

It seems that the U.S. will increase its contact, listening and discussion with the world. They are likely to put more emphasis on diplomacy rather than military power. ... As for Hillary's [Secretary Clinton's] Asia trip, analysts thought that the nuclear issues in North Korea would be on the top of her agenda, an important topic for her discussions with the leaders of China, Japan, and Korea. Hillary [Secretary Clinton] has to gain China's support on this issue. For Envoy Holbrooke's visit to Pakistan, it is important that the relations between India and Pakistan improve; if they remain tense and can't be normalized, there will be no peace or stability for Afghanistan at all."

b. "The White House is not the source of the U.S.' decision on China"

The official Communist Party international news publication Global Times (Huanqiu Shibao)(02/09): "If China wants to be prepared for any U.S. decision on China, it should understand the complexity of

the internal political fights within the U.S. The foreign policy of the U.S. is a complicated and contradicting process. The president, the security commissioner, congress, think-tanks, the press, and the public will all influence the foreign policy agenda of the U.S. The U.S. government's decision is always influenced by interest groups and it sometimes acts in contradictory ways. As long as China understands the political operation of the U.S., thinking logically and considering the religious influence in their society, China will not become confused about the U.S.' China policy. In recognizing the internal political conflicts in American society, China will have a new foundation on which to study the U.S."

13. RUSSIA

"U.S.- Russia act in this way: 'the enemy advances and we retreat'"

The official Xinhua News Agency international news publication International Herald Leader (Guoji Xianqu Daobao)(02/09): "The U.S. and Russia are dancing a delicate and combative dance. As one makes a step forward, the other makes a step back. Since Obama took office, the U.S. diplomacy offices have been conducting friendly gestures towards Iran, North Korea and Russia. If the U.S. and Russia can resume their negotiations on disarmament, the improvement of the U.S.-Russia relationship will resume. But Russia reacted in a cautious way. Kyrgyzstan recently shut down the U.S. air base, which is a severe strike against Obama's strategy on the war on terror. Public opinion indicates that the shutting down of the American base was taken because of pressure from Russia. It is still unknown whether or not Obama's future decisions on the anti-missile system issue will satisfy Russia. Russia has made its stance clear by slowing their idea of deploying a missile. It is not difficult to understand why the two countries' relationship has begun to thaw.

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However, due to the basic confrontation of the two on NATO, Eastward expansion and control over 'the former Soviet Union', it is hard for these two countries to return to the honeymoon relationship that they enjoyed in the past."

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